



Action at page 2, section 1, first line, that claims 1-37 are all generic to any one of the disclosed patentably distinct species listed by figures at pages 2 and 3 in the outstanding Office Action. If the Examiner means to suggest so, Applicants agree to consider claims 1-37 as generic. However, if this is not the case, Applicants provisionally consider claims 1 and 29 as generic, as provided by 37 CFR 1.141.

Further, the outstanding election requirement is respectfully traversed for the following reason.

MPEP §803 states the following:

If the search and examination of all the claims in an application can be made without serious burden, the examiner must examine them on the merits, even though they include claims to independent or distinct inventions.

The claims of the present application would appear to be part of an overlapping search area. Applicants therefore respectfully submit that there is no undue burden on the Examiner to search all the claims under MPEP §803, and traverse the Election of Species Requirement on the grounds that a search and examination of all the claims in the application would not place a *serious* burden on the Examiner.

Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the requirement to elect a single disclosed species be withdrawn, and that a full examination on the merits of each of claims 1-37 be conducted. Thus, claims 1-4, 6, 8-16, 18, 21, 25-29, 31, 32, 34 and 35 are elected **with traverse**.

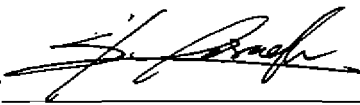
**CONCLUSION**

In view of the above remarks, withdrawal of this Restriction/Election Requirement is respectfully requested.

An early examination is respectfully requested.

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